

In Memory of
Us Army Sergeant
Alfred Mark Blotz
Fulton, South Dakota
Hanson County

November 22, 1916 – July 20, 1950
Killed In Action in Korea



Alfred Mark Blotz was born near Fulton in Hanson County of South Dakota on November 22, 1916, to Charles and Francis (Bradley) Blotz. He attended school in Mitchell. His parents later moved to Deadwood but Alfred stayed in Hanson County to farm.

Mr. Blotz first entered the service in 1941 at the beginning of WW II, and during the war was involved in the invasion of seven islands in the South Pacific, and then was discharged shortly after the war. He returned to his home to farm near Alexandria in Hanson County. He reenlisted in 1947 and served in 160 Infantry Regiment in Panama until 1950, when he reenlisted once more, and was shipped to Korea as part of Company E, 34th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division.

Sergeant Alfred Blotz was killed in action in Taejon, South Korea, on July 20, 1950, only two months after arriving in Korea. He was among almost a thousand soldiers who were lost in the Battle for Taejon.

The body of Sergeant Blotz was later returned to the United States and on July 25, 1951, he was buried with military honors at the Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis. He was awarded the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean War Service Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

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Blotz, nephew.